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CLOSING THE GAP?

CALIFORNIA, NEW YORK ENACT HIGHEST STATEWIDE MINIMUM WAGE IN U.S.

Associated Press

California and New York acted Monday to gradually push their statewide minimum wages to \$15 an hour—the highest in the nation—as Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders again seized on wage disparity and the plight of the working poor as a defining issue in the presidential race.

Clinton joined New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo as he signed the law that will gradually boost that state's pay rate and she predicted the movement will "sweep our country."

In a statement, Sanders said his campaign is about building on the steps in California and New York "so that everyone in this country can enjoy the dignity and basic economic security that comes from a living wage."

In Los Angeles, Gov. Jerry Brown signed a bill into law that will lift the statewide minimum wage to \$15 an hour by 2022.

The two laws mark the most ambitious moves yet to close the national divide between rich and poor. Experts say other states may follow, given Congress' reluctance to act despite entreaties from President Obama.

"This is about economic justice. It's about people. It's about creating a little, tiny amount of balance in a system that every day becomes more unbalanced," Brown said before signing the bill at the Ronald Reagan State Building.

Republicans and business groups warn that the move could cost thou-

sands of jobs, while a legislative analysis puts the cost to California taxpayers at \$3.6 billion a year in higher pay for government employees.

A \$15 base wage will have "devastating impacts on small businesses in California," Tom Scott, executive director of the state branch of the National Federation of Independent Business, said in a statement. "Ignoring the voices and concerns of the vast majority of job creators in this state is deeply concerning and illustrates why many feel Sacramento is broken."

Democrats who control the Legislature approved the increase Thursday, days after the agreement was announced. The measure passed with no Republican support.

The bill will bump the state's \$10 hourly minimum by 50 cents next year and to \$11 in 2018. Hourly \$1 raises will then come every January until 2022, unless the governor imposes a delay during an economic recession. Businesses with 25 or fewer employees have an extra year to comply.

Wages will rise with inflation each year thereafter.

The Democratic governor negotiated the deal with labor unions to

head off competing labor-backed ballot initiatives that would have imposed swifter increases with fewer safeguards.

About 2.2 million Californians now earn the minimum wage, but University of California, Irvine, economics professor David Neumark estimated that the boost could cost 5 to 10 percent of low-skilled workers their jobs.

Brown has said California, with the world's eighth largest economy, can absorb the raises without the problems predicted by opponents.

California and Massachusetts currently have the highest statewide minimum wage at \$10. Washington, D.C., stands at \$10.50. Los Angeles, Seattle and other cities have recently approved \$15 minimum wages, while Oregon officials plan to increase the minimum to \$14.75 an hour in cities and \$12.50 in rural areas by 2022.

New York's state budget includes gradually raising the \$9 minimum wage to \$15, starting in New York City in three years and phasing in at a lower level elsewhere. An eventual statewide increase to \$15 would be tied to economic indicators such as inflation.

Minimum wage at a glance

In California: A bill signed into law Monday will increase the state's current \$10 hourly minimum by 50 cents next year and to \$11 in 2018. The minimum wage will continue to rise \$1 per hour every January until 2022, unless the governor imposes a delay during a recession.

In New York: A bill signed into law Monday will gradually bump the \$9 minimum wage to \$15 an hour. The change will start in New York City and eventually be phased in elsewhere, depending on inflation and other economic indicators.

In Chicago: In 2014, the City Council voted to raise the city's minimum wage to \$13 by 2019. It went from \$8.25 (the statewide minimum wage) to \$10 per hour this past July, and it will rise again by 50 cents in July 2016 and 2017, then by \$1 in July 2018 and 2019. After 2019, yearly increases will rely on the local consumer price index.

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When it comes to using a rideshare service or taking a taxi, we're essentially putting our well-being in the hands of another person. Usually the ride goes off without a hitch. But imagine that instead of a driver taking you to your destination immediately, that person puts your safety in jeopardy.

That's what happened to Alexis Taylor, 25, an Edgewater resident and friend of mine, on March 20. This is the story she told me, edited for length:

"I ordered a Lyft and was waiting in the parking lot of a coffee shop, and my driver eventually found me. I got into the car and we pulled around through the drive-through, and we got caught behind a couple that was in the car in front of us.

"They got their drink and pulled up to turn into traffic on the street, so we were sitting behind them for about 10 seconds. Then my driver honked his horn six times and began to flip off the driver and curse at him.

"I was sitting in the back seat and was like, 'Oh, he can't be serious. He's got to be kidding.' ... The car in front of us eventually pulled out into traffic; mind you, this was like 30 seconds total. They pull out and my driver pulls out right after them and begins to speed up to get next to them. And he's like dodging cars that are parked on the side of the street and kind of weaving in and out of traffic to get next to them. He was just going really, really fast.

"Eventually we get to a stop sign, and he pulls up next to them, rolls down his window and starts yelling at the people in the car next to us, telling them they didn't know how to drive. He was like, 'Do you want a piece of me?' He opened up his door, got out and pulled what looked like a stun gun out of the side of the door and was holding it up, yelling at [them] and cursing them out.

"The lady in the car next to us was like,

'No, we don't want any trouble. Dude, it's fine.' And then he was like, 'I'll fight you right here. Come out and fight me.'

"At this point, I'm ... stunned. I was like, 'Dude, can you just take me to where I'm going. Get back in the car!' Eventually the people next to us drove off, and he got back in the car.

"I said, 'You're making me really uncomfortable. I'd like to get out,' and he was like, 'No, no, no, no, no, I'll take you to where you're going.' And then he started driving so, obviously, I couldn't get out.

"He started joking and laughing about it and saying, 'Did you see how scared they were?'

"The rest of the ride, he was driving aggressively, speeding and stopping quickly. ... Anytime a car stopped or slowed down, he'd honk at them or try to get around them.

"I eventually made it to my destination, but I immediately reached out to Lyft and told them how unacceptable this was. I let them know ... that I really wanted to call the police because I feel like this dude shouldn't even be on the road if he's willing to threaten other people for simply not driving fast enough."

Lyft did follow up with Taylor and refunded her money for the trip. I reached out to the rideshare company to find what, if any, disciplinary action was taken against the driver.

"We take all matters involving safety extremely seriously," Lyft spokeswoman Alexandra LaManna said. "In this instance, as with any safety-related incident, we were in close contact with the passenger immediately after receiving her report and placed the driver's account on hold."

If you find yourself in a similar situation, the best thing to do is to call 911 immediately. Also, both Uber and Lyft have response teams available 24/7 for emergencies.

Lyft's safety policies include a strict no-weapons policy: If any driver or passenger possesses a weapon in a Lyft vehicle, that person will be removed from the platform.

If that's the case, let's hope Taylor's alleged stun gun-wielding driver gets the boot.

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The new tennis courts at Maggie Daley Park, shown with nets yet be strung
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Maggie Daley Park tennis court fees changed

The Chicago Park District has decided it will only charge players to reserve the tennis courts at Maggie Daley Park, and will not charge walk-up players. Reservations can be made by applying for an athletic permit, which will be issued for three or more dates. It will cost \$15 an hour to reserve the courts from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and \$20 an hour to play from 5 to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday and 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, according to the park's website. —TRIBUNE

TSA PreCheck signup center open at O'Hare

The Transportation Security Administration has opened a temporary enrollment center for its PreCheck expedited screening program near baggage claim in O'Hare airport's Terminal 2. Applicants must undergo ID verification, provide fingerprints and proof of U.S. citizenship or permanent residency, pay \$85 and submit to a criminal background check. The center is open Mondays and Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Wednesdays through Fridays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. through May 13. —TRIBUNE

City has \$4.9 million plan to settle police abuse suit

Mayor Emanuel's administration has tentatively agreed to pay \$4.9 million to the family of a man who was dragged handcuffed from his cell by Chicago police in an incident captured on video that a judge said showed a police employee using "brute force."

In 2012, officers arrested 38-year-old Philip Coleman, who appeared to be having a significant mental health crisis, after he assaulted his mother at her home. Coleman died after a fatal reaction to an antipsychotic drug, but an autopsy showed he had experienced severe trauma, including more than 50 bruises and abrasions on his body.

The video shows police repeatedly using a Taser on Coleman and dragging him out of a South Side lockup cell by his arms while he was handcuffed. Coleman's family alleged that police also shocked him 13 times with a Taser at Roseland Community Hospital and struck him repeatedly with a baton.

In December, a judge ruled a Chicago police employee used "brute force" when he dragged Coleman out of his cell and down a police station hallway. The judge also found that the employee's supervisor failed to stop the abuse of Coleman and that no evidence existed that police gave Coleman the chance to leave his lockup cell on his own after he was repeatedly shocked with a Taser. The city Law Department declined to comment on the case. —TRIBUNE

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Hot on the trail

**WILL THE 606 EXPAND
TO THE RIVER?**

By Andrzej Brzoznowski | FOR REDEYE

It seems like yesterday officials gathered to cut the ribbon on The 606, yet even before the official opening, discussion had ignited about expanding the trail.

As it stands, the 2.7-mile elevated trail—once home to a railroad line—stretches over Bloomingdale Avenue from Ridgeway Avenue on the western end to the eastern terminus on Ashland Avenue, through such Northwest Side neighborhoods as Humboldt Park,

Wicker Park and Logan Square.

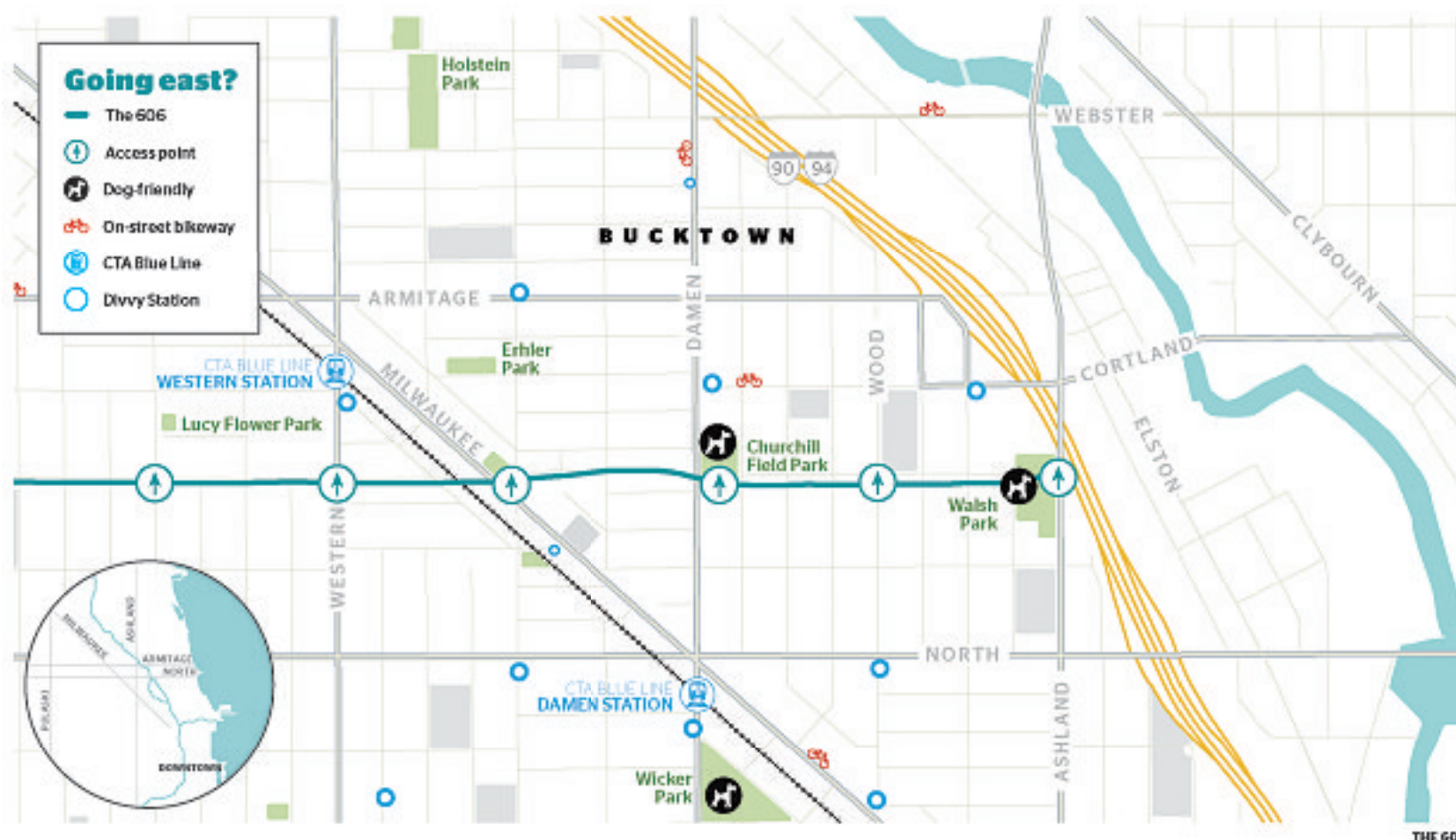
From cyclists and pedestrians to urban planners, the theme seems to be: Head east.

“As great as the trail is, as it stands now, The 606 is disconnected from other paths and trails in the surrounding areas, and an expansion eastward could link The 606 with other existing infrastructure,” said Joe Schwieterman, a DePaul University transportation expert and head of the Chaddick Institute for Metropolitan Development. The trail’s popularity has only increased the momentum for expansion, he said.

The Active Transportation Alliance, a

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The 606 trail honored with national planning award

The 606, which transformed a derelict elevated railroad line into a vibrant park and trail system, will receive the American Planning Association's 2016 National Planning Excellence Award for Urban Design, the Chicago-based association announced last week.

Open since last June and named for the city's ZIP code prefix, The 606 emerged as a laid-back, neighborhood-friendly version of New York's uber-chic, tourist-packed High Line. It consists of the 2.7-mile Bloomingdale Trail and adjoining parks in four Northwest Side neighborhoods.

Despite concerns from some Chicago aldermen that The 606 will accelerate gentrification in neighborhoods like Humboldt Park, the planning association praised it as a model public space.

"The 606 is a stunning example of a community working together to realize a dream and create a city-wide attraction from underused city infrastructure," said W. Shedrick Coleman, chair of the association's 2016 awards jury. "From the planning process to the implementation, The 606 sets a new standard for park planning throughout the country."

The 606 was designed by the Chicago office of Collins Engineers, Brooklyn, N.Y.-based Michael Van Valkenburgh Associates and Chicago artist Frances Whitehead. It was developed by the City of Chicago, the Chicago Park District and The Trust for Public Land.

—BLAIR KAMIN, TRIBUNE

Chicago-based nonprofit that promotes bicycling, walking and public transit, noted in a brief description of a suggested eastward extension of The 606 that trail users either starting or ending at the eastern end of the trail must now navigate "the high-crash intersection" of Ashland Avenue and Cortland Street.

One idea raised during a community meeting hosted by North Branch Works, a nonprofit economic development organization focused on development of the Addison and North River industrial corridors, was to expand The 606 east across the Chicago River.

Do that and you'll create a link to Clybourn Avenue, now home to new barrier-protected bike lanes.

A similar online discussion has unfolded on the Civic Artworks website. One of the ideas tossed around would indeed expand the trail across the river—through the old A. Finkl & Sons steel mill factory property—along Cortland Street, near Elston. Another idea called for creating protected bike lanes on Cortland Avenue and linking them to The 606. That would create new transportation links between the Lincoln Park and Bucktown neighborhoods.

Stand atop the eastern terminus of The 606 and it's clear: The Kennedy



Expressway is a hurdle to an eastward expansion of the trail. The message boards echo that sentiment.

Kevin Womac of the Center for Neighborhood Technology, an organization focused on promoting more livable and sustainable urban communities, and owner of the Logan Square bicycle shop Boulevard Bikes, said the Metra interchange just east of the freeway poses a greater problem.

"The Metra tracks at that location are already raised off of the ground, so in order to cross them you would have to go significantly higher into the air or go under them. The cost for either of

these solutions would be significant," he said.

However, Womac did say that if such an extension was created, there would be many opportunities to connect existing infrastructure with The 606, including linking the pedestrian bridge from North Avenue to Goose Island, resulting in a commuter route that would transition from trail to low-traffic streets, instead of to busy, heavy-traffic streets.

For now, the idea of expansion remains just a discussion piece. No official plans to expand The 606 exist, and no detailed proposals have been

presented outlining a roadmap for an expansion.

That isn't stopping people from talking about the potential such an expansion holds.

Currently, the Trust for Public Land, the organization tasked with building and developing The 606, is focused on completing the second phase of The 606, which includes the opening of several parks along the trail.

In an emailed statement earlier this year, Beth White of the Trust for Public Land noted, "The first phase of The 606 opened in June 2015, and we're working on the full landscape and arts installations at the moment, as well as planning for the development of the two additional ground level parks and the wheel-friendly event plaza that are part of the project."

"The Logan Square Open Space Plan of 2004 called for creation of the Bloomingdale Trail and expansion east to the river, which is also part of the long-term planning for the project. That's our focus at this time, but we look forward to continuing conversations about expanding green spaces in all our neighborhoods, part of The Trust for Public Land's mission to put a park within a 10-minute walk of everyone in the U.S."

—ANDRZEJ BRZOZNOWSKI IS A REDEYE CONTRIBUTOR.



Fans attend Game 4 of the National League Championship Series at Wrigley Field in October. ARMANDO L. SANCHEZ/TRIBUNE FILE

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WILL WRIGLEY BE READY FOR HOME OPENER? WELL...

By Paul Skrbina | CHICAGO TRIBUNE

A beeping yellow Bobcat woke from a slumber at Addison and Sheffield, preparing to move some pallets loaded with materials, before the engine went silent.

A few more turns of the key proved futile, prompting men in yellow vests and hard hats to wail into walkie-talkies.

"Load it on another one," one of the men barked.

And so construction continued—again, still—in and around Wrigley Field, as the home opener looms.

A man in a Detroit Tigers cap who has lived in the neighborhood for seven years was walking by the ballpark with his dog, Drake, and said aloud what many are wondering.

"Think they're gonna make it?" Jeff Black asked.

That's the multimillion-dollar question. Cubs officials insist the answer is yes, "Making the Friendly Confines Friendlier," aka Phase 2 of the four-year 1060 Project, will have the park ready for baseball Monday.

"Maybe next year," Black said with a grin. "The

eternal saying for this team."

But he continued: "I like it. I think it's well worth it. Living through it is a bit of a nightmare. It looks like a UFO landed here."

Welcome to the new Wrigleyville, which the Ricketts family is transforming into the 21st century.

Eileen Felson, who has lived in Wrigleyville for 13 years, said the construction the past couple of years hasn't bothered her much.

"Lots of progress the last couple of weeks," she said as her 2-year-old pug, Henry, tugged at his Cubs leash. "There has been a sense of urgency."

It's just never had such major surgery in such a short amount of time. Last year, bleacher expansion spilled into the regular season and two video boards were added—one in left field and one in right.

Now, a green sign with white letters alerts passersby that "the marquee is undergoing historic restoration." Its absence is further emphasized by white wrapping that cloaks the front of the building that opened in 1914.

Green screens are bound to chain-link fences

surrounding the park. Behind them, stacks of lumber and iron rested ready on pallets.

Two open gates revealed a sliver of freshly mowed lawn, suggesting that the field itself is ready for some baseball.

More than 2,000 miles away, in Anaheim, Calif., Cubs players were looking forward to getting home to see their new 30,000-square-foot clubhouse.

Pitcher Kyle Hendricks mentioned an infrared sauna and "a bunch of crazy stuff they got in the training room for us," including treadmills in pools and a sauna in what will be the second-biggest clubhouse in baseball behind the New York Yankees'.

Pitcher Clayton Richard said he's seen the blueprint and is looking forward to the new digs, while hinting he'll miss the old place.

"What's kind of special about the old clubhouse is that it kept everyone close," he said. "It was a unique clubhouse where everyone was in one or two spots. It will be interesting to see how that dynamic plays out. ... It looks as if it's going to be the best place available. I'm excited."

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29. Dodger Stadium, L.A. Dodgers, \$55.10. Or you could save your dough and listen to the legendary commentary of broadcaster Vin Scully, 88, in his final season.
30. Angel Stadium of Anaheim, L.A. Angels, \$47.60. Not bad to watch Mike Trout, the game's best player right now. Just say no to the rally monkey, though.

WILL WRIGLEY BE READY FOR HOME OPENER? WELL...

By Paul Skrbina | CHICAGO TRIBUNE

A beeping yellow Bobcat woke from a slumber at Addison and Sheffield, preparing to move some pallets loaded with materials, before the engine went silent.

A few more turns of the key proved futile, prompting men in yellow vests and hard hats to wail into walkie-talkies.

"Load it on another one," one of the men barked.

And so construction continued—again, still—in and around Wrigley Field, as the home opener looms.

A man in a Detroit Tigers cap who has lived in the neighborhood for seven years was walking by the ballpark with his dog, Drake, and said aloud what many are wondering.

"Think they're gonna make it?" Jeff Black asked.

That's the multimillion-dollar question. Cubs officials insist the answer is yes, "Making the Friendly Confines Friendlier," aka Phase 2 of the four-year 1060 Project, will have the park ready for baseball Monday.

"Maybe next year," Black said with a grin. "The

eternal saying for this team."

But he continued: "I like it. I think it's well worth it. Living through it is a bit of a nightmare. It looks like a UFO landed here."

Welcome to the new Wrigleyville, which the Ricketts family is transforming into the 21st century.

Eileen Felson, who has lived in Wrigleyville for 13 years, said the construction the past couple of years hasn't bothered her much.

"Lots of progress the last couple of weeks," she said as her 2-year-old pug, Henry, tugged at his Cubs leash. "There has been a sense of urgency."

It's just never had such major surgery in such a short amount of time. Last year, bleacher expansion spilled into the regular season and two video boards were added—one in left field and one in right.

Now, a green sign with white letters alerts passersby that "the marquee is undergoing historic restoration." Its absence is further emphasized by white wrapping that cloaks the front of the building that opened in 1914.

Green screens are bound to chain-link fences

surrounding the park. Behind them, stacks of lumber and iron rested ready on pallets.

Two open gates revealed a sliver of freshly mowed lawn, suggesting that the field itself is ready for some baseball.

More than 2,000 miles away, in Anaheim, Calif., Cubs players were looking forward to getting home to see their new 30,000-square-foot clubhouse.

Pitcher Kyle Hendricks mentioned an infrared sauna and "a bunch of crazy stuff they got in the training room for us," including treadmills in pools and a sauna in what will be the second-biggest clubhouse in baseball behind the New York Yankees'.

Pitcher Clayton Richard said he's seen the blueprint and is looking forward to the new digs, while hinting he'll miss the old place.

"What's kind of special about the old clubhouse is that it kept everyone close," he said. "It was a unique clubhouse where everyone was in one or two spots. It will be interesting to see how that dynamic plays out. ... It looks as if it's going to be the best place available. I'm excited."

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THE HOME STRETCH

The Warriors need to go 4-1 in their last five games to eclipse the Bulls' record. Here are the teams that stand in their way:

*Tuesday vs. Minnesota
(25-52)*

*Thursday vs. San Antonio
(64-12)*

*Saturday at Memphis
(41-36)*

*Sunday at San Antonio
April 13 vs. Memphis*



Stephen Curry
AP PHOTO

Sorry, Warriors, this Bulls fan wants no part of your record-breaking



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At 69-8, the Golden State Warriors are well on their way to beating the 1995-96 Bulls' history-making record of 72-10.

The buzz is everywhere, and rightfully so. Well, I, for one, am not hearing it. Although the Warriors are my second-favorite team behind

the Bulls and Steph Curry is arguably one of my favorite players, I just can't stomach the idea of anyone taking away that amazing record, especially not this season.

Although I liked Tom Thibodeau, I hoped rookie coach Fred Hoiberg would bring forth a new, refreshed team to compete for one of the top three spots in the East. Then key injuries occurred, the defense stopped, the offense lacked and the coaching failed. Now we're not even sure if the Bulls will make the playoffs, and I have an idea how that will end if they do.

As a die-hard Bulls fan, it would be heart-breaking to not make it to the postseason for the first time since 2008 AND have history erased in the same season. No one has time for that!

Have we (read: I) not suffered enough this season? We couldn't enjoy "Power" because it comes on only in the summertime. Taylor Swift's "1989" beat out Kendrick Lamar's "To Pimp a Butterfly" for Album of the Year at the Grammys. Aaron Gordon was robbed in the NBA All-Star Weekend Slam Dunk Contest, and the old Kanye West still hasn't returned.

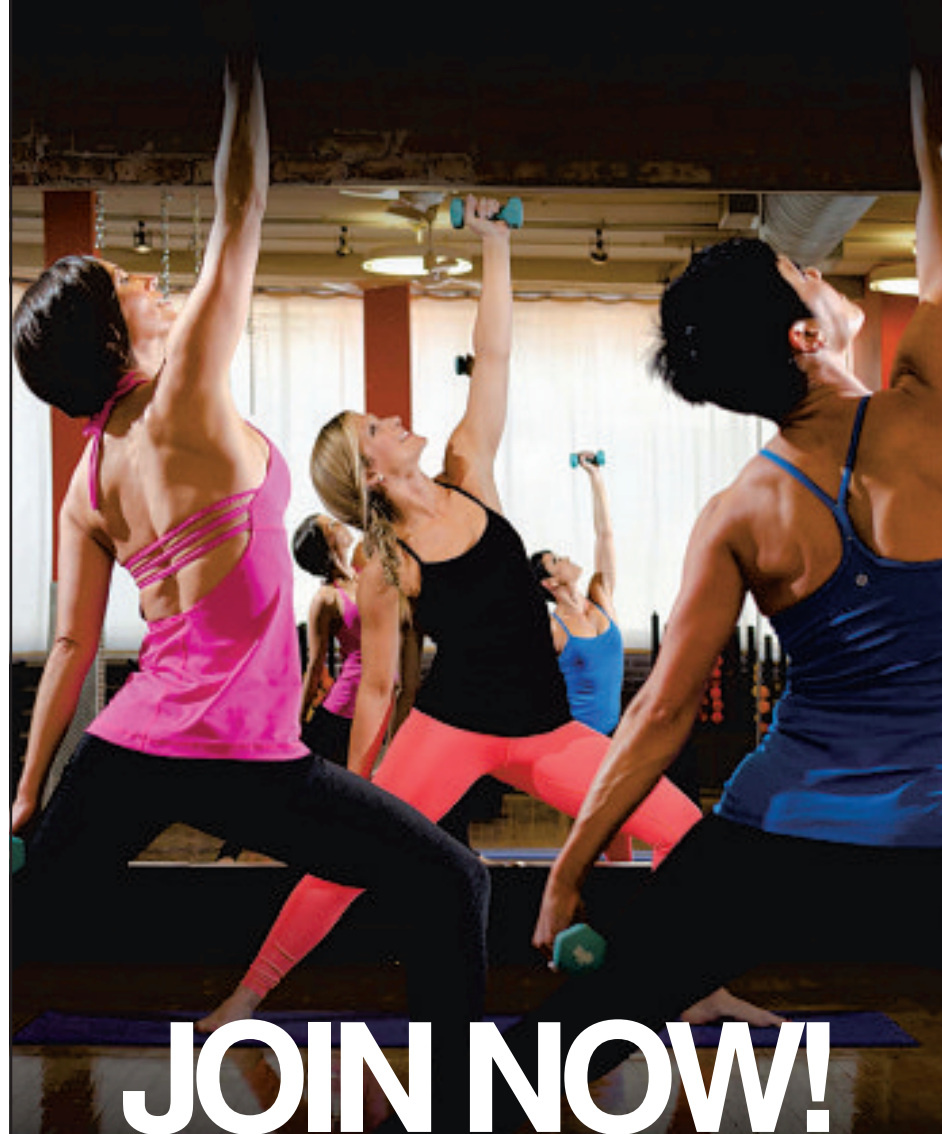
Seriously, enough is enough. Did I also mention how my father, a so-called "Bulls fan," gets upset when the Warriors lose? Sir, please! Stay focused on the big picture.

Although I'm one of Curry's biggest cheerleaders, my figurative pom-poms hit the floor when it comes to comparing my like for him to my love for the Bulls. The Warriors are nice on the court, but don't get it twisted.

There will never, EVER, be another '95-'96 Bulls team. I'm sure Warriors coach Steve Kerr secretly agrees. Although the Warriors have surpassed that dynamic squad in certain statistical categories, I'm hoping (and praying) they do not come out as history makers once the season is said and done.

We've all heard that records are made to be broken. Well, not in this case. The best single-season record should always live with my Bulls. Don't argue. Just agree. 72-10 forever! **LELA OLDS IS A REDEYE CONTRIBUTOR.**

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» Left: Deep South All-Stars talk strategy. » Top right: Deep South All-Stars players talk after losing to the Chicago Red Hots. » Bottom right: Skaters from both teams high-five after the match.

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HARASSMENT CULTURE IN COMEDY

By Gwendolyn Purdom | FOR REDEYE

Traditionally, workplace sexual harassment training involves cheesy re-enactments, outdated PowerPoints and a lot of shifting uncomfortably in office chairs. That wasn't what ensemble members and staff at Lakeview's ComedySportz Theater got at a March presentation on the topic.



Catharsis Productions, the sexual assault awareness group behind campus programs such as Sex Signals, tailored a special workshop to address sexual harassment in the comedy community using an approach improvisers and standup comedians are well versed in: humor. The March event just happened to follow the national firestorm that complaints of sexism and harassment had ignited in the Chicago comedy scene weeks earlier, and as a result, organizers say the conversation was more impactful than they had anticipated. So impactful, in fact, that Catharsis will host a second workshop open to the entire Chicago comedy community on Tuesday as Sexual Assault Awareness month begins.

Several theaters responded to the January controversy by implementing new harassment policies or revising old ones—efforts ComedySportz managing director Karin

McKie says are necessary but not always engaging. Catharsis' comedic approach, however, is designed to get audience members involved, and Catharsis founder Gail Stern says her own background in improv and stand-up can be helpful for putting sometimes defensive comedians at ease.

"We're not trying to be the speech police," Stern said. "We do have an understanding of how humor works and how jokes work, and that's part of what made the [March]

ComedySportz event so wonderful. I was actually able to talk about the theory, talk about why many of the jokes are harmful, not just in the general community sense but also how they can destroy the trust and effectiveness of the comedy."

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Aside from reflecting on behaviors that can create a hostile environment, Catharsis explores more subtle injustices like women being sexualized or typecast in performances and how that can undercut a scene.

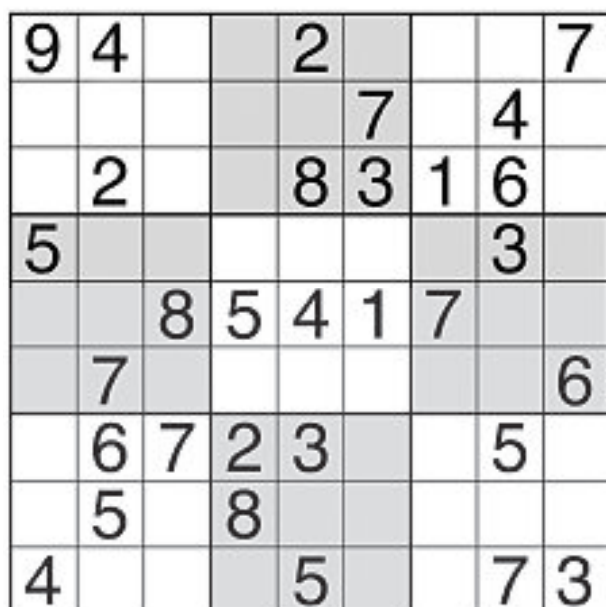
Stern says she's wanted to create a comedy-focused program for years, and with bankable female comics like Tina Fey and Amy Schumer giving women more leverage in comedy and people speaking out against structural harassment on social media, it's the perfect time to have an honest conversation about these issues. Stern hopes to eventually bring similar programs to other cities.

After attending the March event, ComedySportz artistic director Padraic Connelly

says he was struck by how many fellow male improvisers seemed to shift from an "I'm not part of this problem" mentality to a more introspective one. Instead of arguing why they aren't to blame, Connelly said more men are trying to learn what they can do to help. As a coach, he says he now recognizes he can stop misogynistic choices when they happen instead of shrugging them off. Tuesday's workshop, he says, will spread those important messages even further.

"If we can create an environment that's welcoming to everyone," Connelly said, "and that's supportive to everyone as opposed to supportive to a specific point of view in comedy, it's going to make our entire Chicago community stronger and let us all collectively do better work."

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ACROSS

- 1 Nagging pain
5 Royal decree
10 for; chooses
14 Fertile soil
15 Recluse
16 Part of a plant
17 Part of the foot
18 Joint most often sprained
19 Tiny bit
20 Do surgery
22 Worker
24 Amazement
25 Deadly
26 "Seek and ye _ find"
29 Golf term
30 Shish _; BBQ favorite
34 In a _ briefly
35 St. Joan of _
36 Want
37 Gobbled up
38 Coagulated
40 _ favor for; help out
41 Make a _ note of; remember
43 Bumpkin
44 "I couldn't care _"
45 Kilt pattern
46 "A fool and his money _"
47 Reno or Jackson
48 J. Paul
50 _ down; took a load off
51 Not as tall
54 Result of monotony
58 Broad
59 Equestrian
61 Overnight dance party
62 _ up; tallies
63 Not as polite
64 Pennsylvania and Fifth: abbr.
65 Mrs. Truman
66 _ board; nail file
67 Part of the eye

DOWN

- 1 Additionally
2 Chicken's home
3 Vigorous
4 Green gem
5 Fill with joy
6 Finished; over
7 Pen contents
8 Basement
9 "Trick or _"
10 Baltimore team
11 Penniless
12 Carry
13 Night twinkler
21 Hole-making tool
23 Boston _ beans
25 Manufacturing plant
26 Marsh
27 Inn
28 Stadium

- 29 Expert
31 Obama's VP
32 Ascended
33 "Beauty and the _"
35 Laundry soap
36 ABC followers
38 West Point student
39 Edison's initials
42 Wild striped female cat
44 Football pass
46 Courtyard
47 Jolt

- 49 _ Haute, IN
50 Rustful word
51 Use a wet mop
52 Conceal
53 Chances
54 Lager
55 Actor Annable
56 Microwave, e.g.
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THE DIGIT



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That's how many iHeartRadio Music Awards **Taylor Swift** won on Sunday night. According to **vulture.com**, Swift led the pack in nominations, and her wins included Female Artist of the Year, Album of the Year and Best Tour. Adele only won one award.

THE QUOTE

"IT'S REALLY ABOUT CHANGING THE CONVERSATION. IT'S NOT ABOUT PERFECTION. IT'S ABOUT PURPOSE. ... WOMEN HAVE TO TAKE THE TIME TO FOCUS ON OUR MENTAL HEALTH—TAKE TIME FOR SELF, FOR THE SPIRITUAL, WITHOUT FEELING GUILTY OR SELFISH."

—**Beyoncé**, to Elle U.K., about her mission to empower young women.



The Force is not with him

Jon Stewart does not want to be a Stormtrooper. "Star Wars: The Force Awakens" editors Mary Jo Markey and Maryann Brandon, designer Neal Scanlan and concept artist Doug Chiang talked to Empire magazine about secrets behind the movie, and in the interview it was noted that Stewart was offered a chance to be a Stormtrooper but declined because he wanted to play a good guy. Bummer, but also it's OK because no one would have known anyway.

Zayn for the win

People still love Zayn Malik even though he's not in One Direction anymore. The former boy-bander's debut album, "Mind of Mine," went straight to No. 1 with 157,000 sold, according to **vulture.com**. It's the highest-charting debut album of 2016 so far, Vulture reported. We guess people really like lowercases and capitals.

Caitlyn Jenner headed to 'Transparent'

The "I Am Cait" star is set to appear on Amazon's "Transparent" in its third season. Show creator Jill Soloway said at the GLAAD Media Awards on Saturday that it's a "dream come true," according to the Associated Press. The show follows transgender character Maura Pfefferman (Jeffrey Tambor) as she comes out as a woman to people in her life. No details about Jenner's character have been revealed.

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